

Visit to Sevastopol
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During the recent highly successful CWRS TOUR of the Crimea, led by Colonel Peter Knox, we were allowed a sneak preview of an outstanding exhibition of War items - set up in the Balaclava submarine base by Mr. Alexi Sheremetiev. This was followed by an invitation to 'coffee', which turned out to be a splendid - and wholly unexpected - buffet with fine food and, even better, wine and champagne!

At a loss to show our gratitude, I recalled that I had with me an eBay item of potential interest. This is an official-issue Ukrainian medal struck in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the war. 150 of them have been given to guests and notables by the President of the Ukraine and 1,000 have been made available to the public. During the Tour Dinner later that day, I took great pleasure in thanking Mr. Sheremetiev for his generosity and in presenting him with the medal, with the hope that he might add it to his exhibition.

A small recompense, you may agree, but I feel that he was pleased to accept it.

